

## High Bonn Aide Calls Admiral Who Committed Suicide a 'Spy'

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BONN, Oct. 18 — A high Government official said today that Fleet Adm. Hermann Lüdke who committed suicide on Oct. 8, had been a "major spy" for the Soviet bloc.

Admiral Lüdke, who retired on Sept. 30, had been deputy director of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization's logistics department at Brussels. He had been given access to most confidential documents of the Atlantic alliance.

The 57-year-old officer came under suspicion on Oct. 1 when a miniature camera film he had inadvertently given to a Bonn photography shop for development turned out to have pictures of top-secret alliance documents. A laboratory assistant alerted the police, who called in counterintelligence operatives.

### Wennerstrom Case Recalled

A series of inquiries failed to clear up the case. On Oct. 8 Admiral Lüdke drove to the Eifel Mountains near Daun and shot himself through the chest with a hunting rifle. He left a wife and five sons.

In the West German intelligence circles, the Lüdke case

is being compared with that of Col. Stig Wennerstrom of Sweden, who spied for the Soviet Union in Western countries until his arrest in 1963.

Admiral Lüdke entered the Bundeswehr, the West German armed forces, in 1955 as a captain, commanded the Kiel Naval base from 1962 to 1963 and specialized in logistics from then on. His early retirement was traced variously to "health reasons" and "unreliability" by Bundeswehr sources.

Intelligence sources speculate that Admiral Lüdke worked through a senior Soviet agent, rather than through a spy ring.

Today, Lieut. Col. Johannes Grimm, 54, shot himself through the head in his office at Defense Ministry. Shortly after Admiral Lüdke's suicide, Maj. Gen. Horst Wendland, 56, shot himself at his office in Munich - Pullach, where he worked as deputy chief of the federal intelligence service.

Officials here say there is no connection between the three cases and that Colonel Grimm and General Wendland had health problems.